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SUBJECT: RETURN OF THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN - THE SECRE-
TARY'S TOAST

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S TOAST TO BE
GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO THE TOAST OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT AT THE OFFICIAL DINNER FOR THE US
DELEGATION JANUARY 6. THE TEXT IS IN THE SECRETARY'S
BRIEFING BOOK AND INTERPRETER CSANAD TOTH WILL COORDINATE
HIS TRANSLATION WITH THE EMBASSY N ARRIVAL JANUARY 4.

2. BEGIN TEXT: (PARA) MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLE-
MEN: LET ME SAY FIRST, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I GREATLY
APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS OF WELCOME AND YOUR CONSTRUC-
TIVE THOUGHTS ON AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. THANK
YOU AND EVERYONE HERE FOR THE WARM RECEPTION ACCORDED TO
THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND TO ME. (PARA) TODAY IS AN
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INSTANT IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE AND
JUST A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN.
YET, IT IS ALSO A DAY WHICH I AM SURE WILL LONG BE RE-
MEMBERED. FEW TIMES SINCE THE 11TH CENTURY HAS THE CROWN
LEFT HUNGARIAN SOIL. EACH TIME IT HAS COME BACK TO

REPRESENT THE SOVEREIGNTY, COURAGE, STRUGGLES, SENSE OF

COMMUNITY AND LOVE F FREEDOM OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE.
(PARA) AN IMPORTANT EARLY EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF TIES
BETWEEN HUNGARY AND THE UNITED STATES WAS THE VISIT OF
LAJOS KOSSUTH (LIE-OSH KOSH-SHOOT) TO AMERICA IN 1851.
KOSSUTH WAS MOVED BY THE COMMON SPIRIT OF FREEDOM WHICH
ANIMATED AMERICANS AND HUNGARIANS ALIKE. (PARA) IT
WAS DURING THE YEARS O KOSSUTH THAT HUNGARIAN EMIGRATION
TO THE UNITED STATES BEGAN IN EARNEST. THIS EMIGRATION,
WHICH HAS PROVIDED AMERICA WITH DISTINGUISHED INVENTORS,
SCIENTISTS, MUSICIANS AND OTHER MEN OF VISION AND CULTURE,
HAS CONTINUED INTO THIS COUNTRY. IT IS A PILLAR OF
STRENGTH OF MY COUNTRY. (PARA) NEW FAMILIES, AS WELL AS
FAMILIES WHICH HAVE LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR
GENERATIONS, PRIZE THEIR HUNGARIAN HERITAGE. DISTINGUISHED
HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS ARE IN THE DELEGATION WHICH NOW HAS
RETURNED THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN TO HUNGARY. THEY AND
MANY OTHERS LIKE THEM ARE A BRIDGE BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.
(PARA) THE RETURN OF THE CROWN COMES AT A TIME WHEN WE
CAN LOOK WITH PRIDE AT THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS,
IN THE CULTURAL, ECONMIC, CONSULAR SPHERES, AS WELL AS IN
THE FIELD OF POLITICAL CONTACTS. IT HAS TAKEN PLACE NOT
ONLY GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BUT, MORE IMPRESSIVELY,
PEOPLE-TO-PE PLE. (PARA) THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELA-
TIONS DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN ACCORD
WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC, POLITICAL OR INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES. BUT IT DEMONSTRATES THAT WE HAVE A MUTUAL DESIRE
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TO ENHANCE COOPERATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE: THAT WE SEEK
TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER AND TO FOSTER THE EXCHANGES
WHICH BREED SUCH UNDERSTANDING; AND, ABOVE ALL, THAT WE
WILL STRIVE TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF PEACE. (PARA)
I AND THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WERE IMPRESSED
BY THE DIGNITY AND STRENGTH OF EMOTION WHICH SURROUNDED
THE CEREMONIES THIS AFTERNOON. I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED
STATES AND HUNGARY MAY BE PROUD THAT, BEFITTING THE
DIGNITY VESTED IN THE CROWN, IT DID NOT BECOME A POLITICAL
ISSUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT WAS NATURAL AND
FITTING THAT WHEN OUR RELATIONS IMPROVED THE CROWN WOULD
BE RETURNED IN THE TYPE OF CEREMONY WORTHY OF THE EVENT,
IN THE TYPE OF CEREMONY WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THE TRADI-
TIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN
PEOPLES; (PARA) MR. PRESIDENT, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE
BEFORE THEM OPPORTUNITIES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND IN
THE WORLD AT LARGE. IN THE CONTEXT O THE FINAL ACT OF
THE CON ERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE,
WE HAVE BOTH PLEDGED OUR DEDICATION TO A TRUE AND LASTING
PEACE AND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN
OURSELVES AND OTHER SIGNATORIES. (PARA) MANY OF THE

GROWING NUMBER OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN EXCHANGES HAVE
TAKEN PLACE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.
OTHER ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HUMAN CONTACTS HAVE
FLOWED INDIRECTLY FROM HELSINKI OR HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY
INFLUENCED BY THAT HISTORIC MEETING. THE UNITED STATES
WILL CONTINUE TO DO ITS UTMOST TO FULFILL CONSTRUCTIVELY
THE PROMISE OF HELSINKI, IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. (PARA)
MR. PRESIDENT, CSCE IS A PART OF THE WIDER PROCESS
OF DETENTE. AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS AFFIRMED AMERICA
IS DETERMINED TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF EAST-WEST
POLITICAL RELATIONS, TO MOVE TOWARD BALANCED AND EFFEC-
TIVE DISARMAMENT AND TO OBTAIN LASTING SOLUTIONS TO EAST-
WEST DIFFERENCES. THE PRESIDENT A FEW DAYS AGO DEMON-
STRATED HIS ACTIVE CONCERN WITH EAST-WEST ISSUES DURING
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HIS VISIT TO POLAND. NEXT WEEK AMERICAN AND SOVIET
REPRESENTATIVES WILL RESUME THEIR IMPORTANT NEGOTIA-
TIONS IN GENEVA ON SALT AND OTHER ARMS-CONTROL SUBJECTS.
(PARA) MR. PRESIDENT, I AM PERSONALLY GRATIFIED THAT I

WAS DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO LEAD THE DELEGA-
TION WHICH HAS BROUGHT THE CROWN BACK TO HUNGARY. THIS
IS NOT A VISIT ON WHICH WE SPEND OUR TIME DISCUSSING
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES: THE FOCUS OF OUR ATTENTION IS IN
THE RETURN OF THE CROWN AND THE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. IN THE BRIEF TIME I AM HERE. I
AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME BETTER
ACQUAINTED WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND TO LEARN
FIRSTHAND OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HUNGARIAN NATION,
(PARA) MANY HEADS AND MANY HANDS HAVE BORNE THE CROWN OF
ST. STEPHEN. THE UNITED STATES HAS SAFEGUARDED THE CROWN
AND BORNE IT BACK TO HUNGARY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT
BELONGS TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE AND THAT IT REPRESENTS
THE HUNGARIAN NATION. WE HAVE ALSO BROUGHT IT IN THE
HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT HENCEFORTH THE HUNGARIAN NATION
MAY "WEAR" IT IN PROSPERITY, IN HONOR, IN BROTHERHOOD,
IN PEACE AND IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND INDEPEN-
DENCE OF WHICH THE CROWN IS THE SYMBOL. (PARA) MR.
PRESIDENT, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR HEALTH, TO THE
LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE, TO
THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES, AND TO THE CROWN OF SAINT STEPHEN.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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